



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 04-96

November 8, 2004

Application of Bay State Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval of its proposed monthly surcharge for the Residential Energy Conservation Service Program for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") requests approval from Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of the operating budget for its Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Program for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting this charge are available for public inspection at the Department.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments or request a public hearing in this matter shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, November 26, 2004.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, November 26, 2004. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, and shall include a request for a hearing if a hearing is desired. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and michael.killion@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 04-96), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing also should include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.